

HOUSE RESOLUTION No.

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A HOUSE RESOLUTION honoring Civil War reenactors.

Whereas, 150 years ago the American Civil War which had raged across cities and farms for nearly four years was grinding to a close;

Whereas, During the Civil War, over 200,000 Hoosiers, 15 percent of Indiana's population, answered President Lincoln's call to arms;

Whereas, Over 24,000 gave the last full measure of their devotion and more than 50,000 bore the wounds of war;

Whereas, Indiana regiments fought gallantly and with great valor, seeing action in all major engagements of the war from

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Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, to Vicksburg, Mississippi, and from Franklin, Tennessee, to Antietam, Maryland;

Whereas, They suffered and died in the infamous Andersonville prison and marched with Sherman to the sea;

Whereas, The actions of those soldiers are memorialized throughout Indiana from cemetery to cemetery and in bronze statues that stand over nearly every courthouse square; and

Whereas, These men and women who put on the kepi, lace up the brogans, and cinch up the dresses are the greatest asset in keeping history alive in our great state. They teach our next generation the importance of the new birth of freedom via reenactments and classroom presentations: Therefore,

> Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

SECTION 1. That the Indiana House of Representatives acknowledges the great job done by Civil War reenactors in bringing our history to life so that future generations may more fully understand the trials and tribulations endured by all citizens during the Civil War.

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